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Testimony in concern:

S.B. No. 1093 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONCERNING EDUCATION.

S.B. No. 1094 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF READING MODELS OR PROGRAMS.

S.B. No. 1098 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

H.B. No. 6757 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.

H.B. No. 6758 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING FOR CERTAIN ROLES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

H.B. No. 6759 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD.

H.B. No. 6760 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CIVICS EDUCATION AND MEDIA LITERACY

H.B. No. 6762 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOLS.

Chairmen Currey, Ranking Member McCarty and Members of the Education Committee,

The CT Republican Assembly is an organization which has members and friends totalling over 500 Republicans and conservatives across the eight counties of Connecticut. We stand firm in our principles and unalienable Rights under the US Constitution, as well as the Rights and responsibilities within the Connecticut Constitution. I am Anne Manusky, 24 year Connecticut resident, former Licensed Professional Counselor, and current President of the CT Republican Assembly.

In the last 10 plus years of my life, I have been advocating improvement for Connecticut's public school education.

These bills all have one thing in common, changes are needed for the public education system.

The Connecticut public school system is ranked among the worst performing schools in the nation - as per the [Heritage Institute Freedom Report Card](#), the bottom fifth in rank with discrete variables: School Choice, Transparency, Regulatory Freedom and Spending.

NAEP - the national report card provides evidence that Connecticut public schools statistics on reading and math have devolved. <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Student-Assessment/NAEP/NAEP>
<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2022/PR-75--Student-Assessment>

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Connecticut taxpayers have been paying a large sum of money every year for the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA/SBAC). Unfortunately the taxpayer and parents have been fleeced for as many years as this “test” has been given. The Smarter Balanced Assessments have no external validation. In 2016, I made a request as to this to the CT State Department of Education

The Smarter Balanced is not an externally validated assessment as addressed in [Drilling through the Core](#) and in a 2016 Connecticut Freedom of Information Hearing [FIC -2016-0224](#) As Attorney Urban uttered that one cannot prove a negative... that it doesn't exist? This at the expense of CT's taxpayers. This is fraud

Cost of the Smarter Balanced, in 2016 was approximately \$2.7 million per year for administration, not including the contract, or the data collection and storage by AIR, which has additional costs in the millions

Common Core State Standards, now CT Core, developmentally inappropriate standards has been a dreadful programming and harming our youngest CT public school students.

Dr Megan Koshnick [video provides example information](#). At a past American Principles Project meeting.

Further research on pushing children before they are developmentally ready can also be found in The Hurried Child by David Elkind in its 25th anniversary print. [Excerpt by Elkind](#) given in 2020 on the damaging effect of hurrying children --which some [researchers](#) attribute the increased level of stress and anxieties in children.

On top of this, we now in the past few years have added to the statutes and/or state policies components of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Comprehensive Sex Education.

Many Connecticut citizens have witnessed the corruption of education since 2008 especially so under Malloy and funding via the Obama administration, [developmentally inappropriate Common Core and its RTI bandaid](#) , [Social Emotional Learning 'nanny state'](#), Diversity Equity and Inclusion divisive efforts and the worst in my opinion, [Comprehensive Sexualized Education](#)

This is of great grievance to all People who think their taxes are going to education, not indoctrination. We have been fooled -- but now the light is being shown on those who are placing this in the schools and I truly hope it is not too late for many of the young children who are being taught they can be anything they want to -- including changing their sex. Dr Miriam Grossman's book, [You're Teaching My Child What?](#) <https://www.heritage.org/education/report/youre-teaching-my-child-what-the-truth-about-sex-education>

The Connecticut public school system is in need of a vast overhaul. Now. The Connecticut taxpayers are done with being fleeced by the state Board of Education, Department of Education, and those who are given the task -- the CT General Assembly Education Committee. I volunteer to be a person on the next Committee to see that the future of Connecticut's public schools become a thriving education for all children again.

Sincerely,

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President